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NOTICE.

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(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

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HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

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May, 1882.

DIRECTORS. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq. Wm. MEYERINK, Esq. A. J. INVERARITY, Esq. G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

Intimations.

WANTED. AN ENGAGEMENT, either as BOOKKEEPER or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a Gentleman, who has a few hours during the day, disengaged in case full office hours are required, arrangements might be made with a few days notice. Good references. Salary no object.

Apply to F. C. CAREY, Care of this Office. Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [743]

MR. A. HAHN'S D A N C I N G C L A S S E S . HAVE BEEN OPENED.

P. H. I. S. D. A. Y. For Terms, &c., apply to A. HAHN, No. 8, Belgrave Adar. Hongkong, 1st November, 1882. [722]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

UNDER instructions received from the MORTGAGEE, MR. J. M. GUEDES, will Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 30th November, 1882, at 3 O'CLOCK P.M., at the Premises.

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, abutting on the North thereof on Square Street, and measuring thereon 23 feet or thereabouts, on the South thereof on INLAND LOT No. 401, and measuring thereon 23 feet or thereabouts, on the East thereof on INLAND LOTS Nos. 272 and 702A, and measuring thereon 73 feet or thereabouts, and on the West thereof on Tank Lane, and measuring thereon 73 feet or thereabouts, and Registered as INLAND LOT No. 274. Held for a term of 999 years, Also,

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, abutting on the North thereof on INLAND LOTS Nos. 274 and 702A, and measuring thereon 80 feet or thereabouts, on the South thereof on Bridges Street, and measuring thereon 80 feet or thereabouts, on the East thereof on INLAND LOT No. 400, and measuring thereon 74 feet or thereabouts, and on the West thereof on Tank Lane and measuring thereon 74 feet or thereabouts, and Registered as INLAND LOT No. 401. Held for a term of 999 years. Annual Crown Rent £8.10.

AND also all that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, abutting on the North thereof on INLAND LOT No. 272, and measuring thereon 60 feet or thereabouts, on the South thereof on INLAND LOT No. 401, and measuring thereon 60 feet or thereabouts, on the East thereof on INLAND LOT No. 273, and measuring thereon 13 feet or thereabouts, and on the West thereof on INLAND LOT No. 274, and measuring thereon 13 feet or thereabouts and Registered as INLAND LOT No. 702A. Held for a term of 999 years. Annual Crown Rent £5. Together with all those Seventeen unfinished HOUSES theron.

THE Premises will be sold subject to the existing lettings and tenancies thereof.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON, Solicitors for the Mortgagee,

35, Queen's Road, Hongkong, or to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer,

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

In pursuance of instructions from the MORTGAGEE, M. G. GUEDES will sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 1st of December, 1882, at 3 P.M., at the Premises,

That Valuable Leasehold Property Comprising SECTION D of MARINE LOT No. 16, and SUBSECTION 3 of SECTION A of MARINE LOT No. 16A, with One Capital HOUSE thereon, being tenement No. 11, Mercer Street.

The Premises are held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 981 years, and will be sold subject to the existing tenancies and lettings thereof and to a proportionate part of the Crown Rent.

For Further Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer,

or to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON, Solicitors, 35, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [765]

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All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situate at Victoria, Hongkong, measuring on the North 77 feet 3 inches, on the South 70 feet, on the East 47 feet, and on the West 46 feet, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 359. Together with the 6 HOUSES thereon known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Fat Hing Street.

The Premises are held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years and will be sold subject to the Yearly Crown Rent of £30.21 and to the existing tenancies and lettings thereof.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer,

or to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON, Solicitors, 35, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [767]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

In pursuance of instructions from the MORTGAGEE, M. G. GUEDES will sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 4th of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., at the Premises, comprising—

THOSE SEVERAL PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND situate at Victoria, Hongkong, known and Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Section A of MARINE LOT No. 1, Section E of Marine Lot No. 4, and Subsection One of Section A of Marine Lot No. 4A. Together with the 11 HOUSES, Nos. 3 to 13, inclusive theron.

The aggregate Yearly Crown Rent of the Premises is £98.80.

The Premises will be sold subject to the existing tenancies thereof.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON, Solicitors for the Mortgagee,

or to

THE AUCTIONEER.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [768]

Intimations.

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

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Lowndes' Marine Insurance, New.ed.

Marvin's Russia's Advance Towards India.

Trollope's Lord Palmerston.

Buckland's Notes and Jottings from Animal Life.

Leslie Stephen's Science of Ethics.

Kemp's Electric Testing, New.ed.

Horne's Bookkeeping.

Huxley's Science and Culture.

New Art Handbooks.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882.

CHRISTMAS CARDS !

NEW PHOTOGRAPHS

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MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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NEW YEAR CARDS.

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Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily, for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion of public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to delay the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 p.m. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige us at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1882.

FROM reliable information lately received from England, we are inclined to think that Governor HENNESSY's almost immediate return to China, as announced by the *Pall Mall Gazette* a few days ago, must be for the special purpose indicated by our London contemporary, namely, the settlement of the vexed opium difficulties with the Chinese Government. We are induced to believe that His Excellency's journey to the Far East—presuming that the *Pall Mall Gazette* had good grounds for the announcement, which we see no reason to doubt—must bear the character of a special mission, as we happen to know that a few weeks ago Governor HENNESSY had no notion of a permanent stay in China. As matters of fact, Sir JOHN POPEN HENNESSY had been requested by the Colonial Office to assume the governorship of Queensland at the expiration of his term of office in Hongkong, and had actually arranged to leave for Brisbane early in April. We are also in a position to state that Sir GEORGE BOWEN, Governor of the Mauritius, offered to exchange appointments with Sir JOHN, but the latter declined, preferring such a rising Australian colony as Queensland to the Mauritius. Of course, it is just possible that these arrangements may have been altered, or amended, to meet the political exigencies of the hour; but on that point nothing definite can be said until we receive detailed and authentic particulars with reference to certain events at home which have lately caused so much controversial discussion. However, the above statements concerning the future destiny of Governor HENNESSY after the completion of his term of service here, according to His Excellency's arrangements with the Earl of KIMBERLEY, may be accepted as perfectly reliable; in fact, they contain the only trustworthy information on the subject that has yet been published in the Colony.

We have it on the authority of Mr. W. S. GILBERT, a keen observer, remarks the *Telegraph*, as well as a subtle humourist, that, "taking one consideration with another, A policeman's lot is not a happy one." It happened that the clever author of "The Pirates of Penzance" penned his opinion touching the share of happiness vouchsafed to the members of the force, below the rank of Inspector, prior to the publication of the Golden Rules lately prepared for their guidance by the Right

Honourable Sir HENRY HAWKINS, one of her Majesty's Judges. Hereafter the policeman's fate is in his own hands. To be good is to be happy, and the learned Judge teaches the lowly constable how to be good. It would be well if every social problem could be as easily solved. In dealing with his subject Sir HENRY HAWKINS has adopted a style and manner which recalls that of the world-famous Essays of Sir FRANCIS BACON, less the unnecessary ornament of classical quotation. The policeman is taught that by following out certain clearly defined precepts "every man may assuredly raise himself to a high position in the force." How "every man" might be so fortunate is not exactly stated; nor, assuming all sub-constables to be faultless, is it easy to see where so many high positions as would in that case be required could be found. But, as we know from the dictum of Lord BYRON, "none are all evil," so, by the rule of contraries, all are not good; and there will probably be promotion for as many as carry out to the letter the charge of the counsellor and friend of the force. In those famous Essays of the illustrious moralist already referred to, the whole duty of man is summed up within the compass of a few pages. The philosophic aspects of truth, riches, envy, great place, judgement, revenge, and many other matters of equal importance in social policy and the conduct of life, are hit off in short, pithy sentences as portable as proverbs. And were policemen in the habit of occupying their leisure with the study of ethics, and more particularly with this best of the Baconian legacy to "future ages," Sir HENRY HAWKINS need not have provided them with a table of advice which, in all seriousness, should prove of incalculable service to the police force, and indirectly benefit the public at large. Even now, and before they start on their newly mapped-out career of wisdom and discretion, there is a great deal to be said in favour of the body of intelligent, well-developed men, through whose vigilance and trustworthiness the public are enabled to sleep safely and quietly in their beds at night. Properly to appreciate the benefits derived from the presence in our midst of the late Sir ROBERT PEEL's "new police," we must go back to the time of the old "Charlies," when individual pedestrians proceeding northwards to Islington, after dark, used to wait at the corner of St. John-street, Clerkenwell, for others bent on the same dangerous journey, not daring to travel without company, for fear of footpads and highwaymen. Thanks to our admirable police force, London is as safe now as it is said to have been in the days of King ALFRED, when, according to legendary lore, "golden bracelets hung by the wayside, and no man touched them." It has, indeed, been sceptically suggested that the aforesaid golden bracelets were hung so high as to be beyond the ladderless reach of our predatory Saxon predecessors.

The police, however, are not so perfect but that they would be vastly benefited by a strict adherence to the rules laid down for their guidance by the learned Judge. First—and this is a matter which more nearly concerns themselves and their superiors than the ordinary public—the necessity for absolute and unquestioning obedience on their part is insisted on. They are to obey every order without inquiring as to its propriety. That part of the charge which enforces the force and directness of the language in which the learned and accomplished Judge impresses upon policemen the absolute necessity of telling "the bare, plain, simple truth" They are to remember "how fearful a thing it is for a man to be convicted and put to death or condemned to penal servitude or imprisonment upon false testimony." It will be observed that this cogent reminder contains no syllable of accusation against an industrious, intelligent, and trustworthy body of civil officers. All that it does is to give them a set of rules which, if they observe, will make them better men, better citizens, and more efficient public servants. Mr. Justice HAWKINS is too much a man of the world to expect that incipient wings will presently begin to sprout on the shoulders of policemen, or that they will suddenly develop angelic and hitherto unsuspected virtues; but with sound common sense and with the authority of his high office he points out to them the straight road of duty. Indeed it would be well for all men if they were provided with as plain and minute a "secular guide to good behaviour in their several conditions of life.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, November 28th.
ASSASSINATIONS IN DUBLIN.

Frequent assassinations are occurring in Dublin, consternation prevails and the police are armed with revolvers.

DUPLICATION OF THE HONGKONG SHANGHAI CABLE.

A contract has been signed to-day for the duplication of the Hongkong-Shanghai Cable guaranteed to be laid early next spring.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE learn on good authority that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Appia* has been sold to a firm in Manila at a substantial figure.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) that the steamship *Minard Castle* from London leaves Singapore to-day for this port.

A REGULAR LODGE of Zetland, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Monday evening next, the 4th proximo, at 8.30 pm, for 9 o'clock precisely.

A LODGE of Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-morrow evening, the 5th inst., at 7.30 pm, for 8 o'clock precisely.

An Emergency meeting of United Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday next, the 2nd proximo, at 5 for 5.30 pm, precisely.

THE coroner and jury proceeded at noon to-day to view the boiler of the ill-fated steam-launch *Fel-Jung*, now lying on the Praya near the Harbour Master's office, and after taking stock of the wreck, Mr. Wodehouse further adjourned the inquest on the bodies of the men killed by the explosion until Saturday at ten o'clock.

FOR shouting and making a disturbance in Queen's Road at the early hour of 12.30 this morning, Robert Samuel Jerrard, a black man, an unemployed cook, who has been up eight times for various offences, was fined by Mr. Wodehouse £5 or 14 days' hard labor, and being hard-up, went to board at the Government hotel for a fortnight. Jerrard, in his defence, said somebody knocked him down, and feeling naturally annoyed at such treatment, he began grumbling to himself, whereupon the "bobby" lagged him off to durance vile. He added, that if he were constantly sent to "choke" he would never be able to get a ship nor get out of the Colony.

WE witnessed a stoutly contested tug of war this afternoon in the Central Station compound between two teams of peace-preservers, one being composed of nine old China hands, and the other, of an equal number, of the late arrivals from home. At the word of command, the old hands made a gallant attempt to rush it, and indeed it was as much as the new comers could do to stay their violent progress backward, if such a phrase be permissible. However, the new fellows made a desperate effort, and refused for the moment to follow whether the others would fain lead them. For about a minute the struggle continued with great determination upon both sides, the old hands, however, slowly, but surely, dragging their opponents towards the line, over which they finally landed them. In point of weight of metal the two teams were pretty evenly matched, and the defeat of the new comers, fresh from England, was due, perhaps, to want of practice. We have no doubt they will seek to be revenged on their vanquishers.

THE case against Lane and Crawford's house coolie Tsang Achau, of being concerned in the robbery from the store on or about the 19th instant was further remanded this morning until the 6th prox. Mr. Cox, a partner in the firm, gave evidence to-day as to the discovery of the robbery and the disappearance of two of the native employés, a store and a water coolie. \$150 in money and a roll of cloth worth \$100 were found to be *now est.* A letter, apparently sent by the missing store coolie to the defendant, was detained and handed over to the police.—Lane and Crawford's shroff deposed to the defendant's stating he had seen the two missing men go on board the nightboat *Kung-chow* for Canton with parcels, and that upon asking what they contained, they told him to say nothing or he would be stabbed; also that the missing store coolie gave him (defendant) seven or eight dollars as a cumshaw, telling him to say nothing to anybody, and that if his master sent the police to look for him (the store coolie), defendant was to let him know.

WEAVING passing No. 2, Shelley Street shortly after nine this morning, the house where poor old Tom Mar, of journalistic reporting celebrity, used to hang out when in the flesh, our ears caught the sounds of Celestial, though not heavenly, music. Casting our eyes about, we observed a band of Chinese musicians, arrayed in red, performing at the end of the verandah. Curious to know what was up, we ascended the stone steps leading to the house, the interior of which we observed, was tastefully got up, a considerable number of well-dressed Chinese, principally ladies, being assembled inside. A tall, respectable looking Chinaman advanced to the door and enquired of us politely in excellent English what our wishes might be. We at once confided to him the important intelligence that we belonged to the leading journal, and were in search of news whereby to regale the numerous readers of the only, independent and fearless newspaper in the Colony. Delighted to meet a representative of a high-class print, the gentleman became very affable, informed us, his name was Ho Fuk, who he held the position of clerk and interpreter to the Registrar General, and that this was his wedding day, the company assembled being his relations and friends who had come to congratulate him upon the happy event. Not to be outdone in politeness—as we belong to a paper which would scorn to extol itself upon the indecent topic of ladies' under-habili-ties &c.—we at once tendered Mr. Ho Fuk our warm congratulations also, wishing him as large an amount of luck as is to be obtained in the matrimonial lottery, and, taking our leave, wended our solitary way in the direction of the Harbour Office to "view" the wrecked boiler of the *Fel-Jung*. We critically examined the huge mass—some six or seven—tonnes—but first leaving Mr. Brewster, whom we saw there minutely inspecting the wreck, to give his professional opinion as to the cause of the explosion—which, however, seemingly strongly constructed boiler, and blew half a dozen or more beings into "Kingdom come." Strangely enough, the boiler was found to have burst at six hundred yards below where the launch blew up. Now, ladies & gentlemen,

H.M.S. *Champion* undocked at Sam-sui-po last night, the American barque *Jennie Harkness* taking her place in the vacant dock. The steamship *Diamond* went on the Patent Slip at Kowloon this afternoon.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* of the 23rd inst. says: "First Comet came home this morning down the Back Road without his rider. This was in revenge, perhaps, for the Criterion race, where he had too much of him."

INLAND Lot No. 797 and the four European dwelling houses erected thereon, which were advertised to be sold by public auction to-day, by Mr. J. M. Guedes, were not brought under the hammer, having been sold privately yesterday.

A REGULAR LODGE of Victoria, No. 1026, was held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, last evening at 9 o'clock, for the election of W. M. Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows:—W. M., Bro. W. Kerfoot Hughes; Treasurer, Bro. A. E. C. Hawkins; Tyler, Bro. J. Grimble.

THE Tientsin correspondent of the Shanghai *Mercury*, writing on the 18th inst., says:—"The Korean Ambassadors are still here, waiting for Mr. Tong King-sing to arrive with the Ts. 800,000 as a loan to the Korean Government. Your Chefoo correspondent is right. Mr. P. G. von Möllendorff is transferred to Korea as Foreign Secretary to the King."

WHO is the lucky man? The Shanghai *Courier* has been informed that an investor in the lottery tickets at Hongkong has been very lucky in the last drawing of the Manila Lottery. Out of fourteen tickets which he held, three of them drew the first, second, and third prizes, to the value of \$47,000. We again ask, who is this favorite of fortune?—and we wait impatiently for a reply.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE IN LIQUIDATION.

A meeting of shareholders in the above office, convened by the liquidators (the Hon. F. B. Johnson and Mr. E. F. Alford), was held at No. 7, Queen's Rond, this forenoon, for the purpose of presenting the accounts and report regarding the distribution of assets and liquidation of the office, in accordance with the "Companies Ordinance, 1861." There were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs. C. D. Bottomley, W. H. F. Darby, D. Rutledge, J. Macgregor, E. F. Alford, Wm. Forrest, Douglas Jones, Mortimer Murray, T. Jackson, and F. H. Arjane.

The notice of meeting having been read by Mr. Alford, the Chairman said the meeting was called to receive the report of the liquidators on the accounts of the old office for 1881, which was reorganized at the commencement of this year. He thought he could not add anything with advantage to the report and accounts published. The assets admitted of a final dividend of \$84.35 per share, a final bonus of 7 per cent. on contributions, and a final refund of \$47,777 per share on account of capital and reserve fund. Before the resolution was put authorizing the passing of the report and accounts, he would be happy to give any information required.

Mr. Douglas Jones said he understood this was the first annual report of the working of the Canton Insurance Office up to last year.

The Chairman having replied the affirmative.

Mr. Jones said the shareholders were to be congratulated on the extremely moderate charge for the winding up of the office. The charge of \$5,000 was very favorable.

Mr. Darby proposed, and Mr. Bottomley seconded, that the report and accounts as presented be passed, which was carried *unanimously*.

An intimation from the Chairman that the dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, brought the meeting to a close.

MUSIC AND DRAMA GOSSIP.

The Italian Opera Company gave their opening performance in Shanghai on Monday, the 20th inst., when was produced Marchetti's *Ruy Blas*. The attendance, we regret to observe, was not so large as might have been expected.

Our Shanghai contemporaries speak in most favorable terms of the representation. The critic of the *Courier* seems to have been quite charmed with the new tenor, Signor Petrovich,

discovering in that artful scoundrel who performed himself in the *Telegraph* libel case the real *artiste* voice which were not apparent to our local connoisseurs. He writes:—"Signor Petrovich made his first bow to a Shanghai audience as *Ruy Blas*, and quickly showed that he is an acquisition to the Company. His voice is fairly good, though he makes use of head notes almost exclusively, and he possesses the happy faculty of singing in tune. His action on the stage is graceful; his gestures appropriate and not exaggerated, and he shows that he possesses marked dramatic ability, which is never too demonstrative. He began well in the first act, and gave a pleasing rendering of his part in the duo, *O! com' a b'ello*, but we missed the portrait of the Queen to which he should have addressed himself. In the garden scene, the duo with the Queen, *Larva dorata del mio pensier*, Signor Petrovich had a good opportunity of showing that he could sing with expression and feeling, of which he availed himself, and he was most decidedly successful in the duo with *Don Salustio* in the third act, *Dunque voi se la fanno non mente*, and in the trio and final duo in the last act. On the whole Signor Petrovich made a good impression, and proved himself up to anything we can hope to expect in the Far East."

The prima donna, Signor Petrovich, and the basso Signor Lanzone, both found favor in the eyes of the critic of the *Courier*. Of the former he observes:—"Signor Petrovich, who took the part of the Queen, possesses a pure soprano voice of good quality, though it is not very powerful, and for this reason she is heard to greater advantage in solo parts than in the concerted music. She made a decided hit in the garden scene with the aria, *Madda mia carissima*, while successfully followed up by a very effective rendering of the charming trio that closes the act, *Signor, vi caro*. This is one of the most pleasing numbers in the opera, and the subject of the trio is a very attractive one, and cleverly accompanied by the orchestra in point

time. The three artists who took part in it last night were called before the curtain after the drop had fallen, so pleased were the audience with it. Signora Petrovich was equally successful in the duo with *Ruy Blas* in the succeeding act, *Io che tentai, ma invano*, which was capably sung, and so far contributed to the effective rendering of the final duo with *Ruy Blas* that the applause was as great as it must have been flattering. We must, however, deprecate the excessive use of the vibrato to which this lady is given."

The other members of the troupe are favorably noticed. Signora Silini and Signor Ciocci especially receiving very warm praise. The accompanist, Signor Core, is highly commended, and to and the well-known Shanghai professionals, Messrs. Egard and Bernard, who assisted in the orchestra. The stage manager gets "fits" for the wretched manner in which the opera was placed on the stage; and the Director of the Company is severely taken to task for the unattractive list of operas he has advertised, for future representation.

We should imagine that the "horse reporter" of the *Mercury* is also the operatic critic of that enterprising journal. It is hardly likely that the staff of our Shanghai contemporary could comprise two champion tauntologists. Here is a specimen of the *Mercury* critic's literary style:—"The performance last night was very satisfactory. The accompaniment was excellently played by Signor Goré on the pianoforte, Mr. Egard played the violin, and Mr. Bernard the bass viol. They played remarkably well; the ambition of the composer seemed to have been to indicate the identity of each character by notation and this orchestra, small as it was, was led with great judgment, and the accompaniment was played throughout with great vigour and character."

The Opera Company made their second appearance before a Shanghai audience on the evening of the 24th inst., in Pacini's splendid opera "Salvo." The house appears to have been a very unsatisfactory one. According to the *Courier* there were but two boxes and a very few seats only in the dress circle occupied, while the pit was not more than half filled. This would appear to indicate rather gloomy prospects of a successful season. The performance of "Salvo" was most favorably received, although both Signora Lubici and Signor Ciocci were unable to appear in their true colors, owing to severe colds. The new second tenor, Signor Arrigoni, who appeared as *Faone*, a part admirably rendered at the City Hall by poor Vanzetti last winter, only achieved a qualified success. His voice is

them. The treaty was made in Pekin, but not signed in Fohkien, where the word of the lowest coolie thief is taken before an Englishman. We may buy their tea and eat (not live), but we must submit ourselves absolutely to their extortions quietly, without complaint, failing which, the literati and mob threaten that they will rebel, and drive the foreign devils out. Such is the government of the Fohkien province.

What with *Tehu* and other vicious squeezes, and the utter impossibility of obtaining redress from absconding and defaulting creditors, who are screened by the officials, our trade has been so hampered, that at the present time our imports are absolutely nil. Not satisfied with this, every possible and conceivable method has been adopted to make our living in this port as unpleasant as possible, our children are insulted with indecent gestures, and spit upon, and our servants are encouraged and upheld in their baseness. Our walls and fences are broken down, our houses broken into and robbed—a daily occurrence—our ground appropriated and built upon, our right of leasing ground repudiated or rendered void, our purchases of ground cancelled, unless the usual 10 per cent has been paid to the officials to recognise the transaction, and, not to be outdone, an ex-Compradore and expectant Taotai, to distinguish himself, quietly appropriates two English steam launches, and lands an armed force to break open and plunder an English Hong during the night. Finding he had made a little mistake, and had gone a little too far, he has got some of his compadriotes—friends to petition the Board of Foreign Intercourse to have his little and trivial foray cancelled, that his respectability may not be lost. A copy of this petition was also sent to Her Majesty's Consul, no doubt expecting that he would at once, on the solicitation of members of such a highly respectable body, condone and agree to cancel the matter. He, not taking quite the same view, returned the petition at once with a few pungent remarks for their edification, which it is to be sincerely hoped they will read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. Of this petition, and the reply written thereon, I have been enabled to obtain a copy, and enclose *pro bono publico*, which I hope will satisfy your morning contemporary that in this instance Her Majesty's Consul at Foochow has not been a tool in the hands of the Chinese Officials. The fault lies with those higher in authority than him for this disgraceful state of affairs affecting the English. French, German and American grievances are settled without the slightest trouble; their demand is made and attended to—whereas the English demand is repeatedly made for redress and treated with contempt, and the writer is one of the victims.

The following is the petition referred to—

TRANSLATION.

Petition jointly presented by Ho Chau-jui, Tang Su-chau, Tang Pei-hsiang, Tsai Sing-hang and Su Kia-ming, in which petitioners, in order for the entire preservation of respectability, pray the members composing the Board of Foreign Intercourse to adjust the hereinbefore-mentioned question in an amicable manner.

It appears to you petitioners that the mode of transacting international affairs is that it must be done in a way to meet the wishes of the authorities, who are to extend the kindness as shown by the Emperor towards others; therefore it is not convenient for each party to retain his own view, and by doing so respectability may not be lost.

At the present moment, we find that in the matter of the seizure of the Opium belonging to E. D. Sassoon & Co., by the guards of the Opium Tax Office, each party has its own to say, and there must be some reason if the matter is (properly) discussed. As to the leasing of the Chinese house by E. D. Sassoon & Co., which is on the left side of their Hong, we find that Hong has made an agreement for the lease in Chinese, although no English version accompanies it, but the stamp of the Hong has been affixed to it. We also find the matter of the annual lease and that of perpetual lease is different, therefore the lease entered into by E. D. Sassoon & Co. has not been sent in for the stamp of the magistrate, consequently the Opium Tax Office has no means of examining the difference.

It is the usual custom for Foreign hongs to rent Chinese houses for boiling samples of Opium, and the guards, we again find, suspect that smuggling has been carried on in the place. They went there for the seizure, and it is likely it was their duty to do so, but in reality no attack had been made upon the place. Consequent upon the non-placarding of Sassoon & Co.'s Hong name upon the Chinese house so leased by them, the guards found the place was used for boiling opium, and this led them to the place for making such seizure without making strict enquiry, and by doing so, they are likely to be in the wrong. As Foreign intercourse is at the present time carried on in a friendly relation, we also find that all matters must be transacted with a liberal feeling, for which we hope that Your Excellencies will have the goodness to perceive this with a clear sight, and that we are well aware that Your Excellencies have the power to balance (the right from the wrong). We venture not to make an absurd deliberation.

As the case has been hanging on for a long time, we venture, without making an intimation, to request the cancellation of the question. If our application is granted, we request Your Excellencies to ask the British Consul to cancel the same, and at the same time we beg that your Excellencies will represent the fact to the different high officials so that the question may be cancelled whereby friendly feelings may be secured.

We do this on account of the feelings existing in the trade between Chinese and Foreigners, and whether it is right or not (we leave it to your Excellencies to decide); but it is proper for us to present this petition in which we request your Excellencies to take the matter into the consideration and grant us the indulgence to have the matter done as represented and requested.

NOTE.

Ho Chau-jui is Messrs. Galton & Co.'s Compradore.

Tang Su-chau is Messrs. Hedge & Co.'s Compradore.

Tsai Sing-hang is Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s Compradore.

Tang Pei-hsiang is Agent for the C. M. S. N. Company.

Su Kia-ming is Chairman of the Canton Joss House.

Thursday, 9th Nov., 1882.

REPLY.

The peaceful intentions of the Petitioners are deserving of all praise. But they should first consider that at no time can public business be conducted, with loss of dignity, by the violent measures recently resorted to by the Expectant Taotai, Sheng-Sze-Fung, in charge of the native Opium Tax Office in the case of the British firm of E. D. Sassoon & Co.

There was a sure means within the reach of the said Expectant Taotai to ascertain whether the premises, which he caused to be broken into before daybreak on the 20th of last August, were not rented to the British firm and used by them for preparing opium paste. A simple application at the British Consulate would have satisfied every enquiry on the point; and if that course had been pursued, the disgraceful attack on the wealthy firm of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon, which pays largely every year towards the Imperial Revenue, would have been avoided.

The Petitioners are doubtless fully cognisant of the facts connected with the armed insurrection,

in connection with Messrs. E. D. Sassoon's promises of the robberies of clothing and money, and other property consisting of opium; of the destruction of the furniture in the house; these are all acts that were done by the servants of the said Expectant Taotai, officers in the pay of the Chinese Government. So it is.

And it may be supposed from the responsibility of the Petitioners that those acts are not regarded by them as trifling ones.

The security of the trade, the security for persons and property, depends on the steps which should be adopted by the local Magistrates for the repression of crime and outrage.

In the present instance of the outrage on the British firm of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co., the Chinese authorities have lamentably failed in their duty to bring the guilty parties to trial and punishment, although frequently applied to for justice.

The Consul in replying to the Petition appreciates the good intentions of the petitioners; at the same time he hopes they will understand that a serious outrage of this sort cannot be patched up as if it were a mere petty offence.

(Signed) CHARLES A. SINCLAIR,
Consul.

—Shanghai Courier.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

We take the subjoined telegram from the Sydney Morning Herald received last night by the E. & A. Co.'s steamer *Tannadice*, Captain Green:—

LONDON, October 31st.

Baker Pasha, Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian forces, intends to despatch ten thousand troops to the Sudan province in three weeks, for the suppression of the rebellion there. The Khedive is applying for the assistance of a certain number of British officers for the expedition, and the fact was referred to in the House of Commons last night by Mr. Gladstone. The recent successes of El Mahdi, the false prophet of Islamism in the Sudan, is causing intense alarm in the minds of the Khedive's advisers.

The Italian elections have just terminated, Signor Depretis, the President of the Council, has been returned, and the Ministry has a large majority. The elections are favouring the progressists.

Dr. Kennion, Bishop elect of Adelaide, will take his departure on November 6. Dr. Kennion has been betrothed to Miss Henrietta Ferguson, sister of Sir James Ferguson, Governor of Bombay, and formerly Governor of South Australia.

The Daily News states that a proposal has been made by England to the effect that the Khedive shall appoint a Controller in Egypt.

The American Tariff Commission have submitted a report to Congress recommending that no change be made in the duties on wool imported into the United States.

Baron de Lesseps makes a proposal to cut a canal through the Isthmus of Kraw, for the purpose of shortening the voyage to China by four days.

LONDON, Nov. 1st.

The Agent-General for New Zealand, Sir F. D. Bell, is arranging to send 1000 domestic servants to that colony.

The Earl of Dufferin, British Ambassador to the Porte, being about to proceed, in accordance with instructions, to Cairo, in order to conduct negotiations for the settlement of affairs in Egypt, has explained to the Sultan that his visit is owing to the ill health of the Consul-General, Sir Edward Malet. It is understood that Lord Dufferin will not be long absent from his post, and will return to Constantinople at the conclusion of his mission.

Nihilism at the principal centres of population in Russia exhibits renewed vitality, and apprehensions are entertained of the development of some new conspiracy against the governing powers.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone characterised the amendment of Mr. Gibson on his closure proposals, stipulating for a two-thirds majority before the Speaker can close a debate, as absolutely worse than no closure.

The strike of the workmen on the Clyde has been renewed, the differences which recently arose between them and the masters on the wages question not having been satisfactorily adjusted.

LONDON, Oct. 31st.

The Times to-day publishes a paragraph which states that the Government disapproves of the scheme recently drawn up by Baker Pasha for the reorganisation of the Egyptian army, and one of the principal provisions of which was that one half the appointments should be conferred on British officers.

CAIRO, Oct. 31st.

Bredif Pasha, one of the members of the late council, having returned from Europe, Cherif Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, has taken occasion to inform the French Consul that the Government will not admit Bredif to the sittings of the Council, at which he previously occupied a seat.

VIENNA, November 1st.

The Austrian Government has issued a decree forbidding recruiting in Bosnia for the service of the Egyptian army now in course of formation.

PARIS, October 31st.

The alarm and excitement which has prevailed in the city of Lyons for some days, owing to the widespread fear of Socialist rising, are now beginning to subside, since the reinforcement of the garrison, and public confidence is reviving.

LONDON, October 31st.

At to-night's sitting of the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone intimated that the Government would insist on the adoption of the closure, but added that at the same time it was not intended to make it a Cabinet question.

LONDON, November 2nd.

Rear-Admiral Hosking succeeds the Duke of Edinburgh in naval command.

Mr. Green, of Rivalistic notoriety, who has been in prison for the last two years, for a breach of the provisions of the Public Worship Regulation Act, has resigned his benefice.

The Municipal elections in England are going decidedly in favour of the Tories.

England has refused to assist the Khedive in the suppression of the rebellion in the Sudan.

Baron Mohrenheim has been appointed Russian Ambassador in England.

Suleiman Pasha has been arrested in Candia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 2nd.

The Porte is displaying much uneasiness at Lord Dufferin's mission in Egypt, and has urged him to delay his departure for the present.

CAIRO, November 2nd.

Baker Pasha has consented to allow Arab's followers to enlist in the army sent against the false prophet in the Sudan.

LONDON, November 2nd.

The Times, in a leading article to-day, in reference to the trial of Arabi Pasha, says that Egypt has proposed to Great Britain that Arabi should be allowed to go into exile without a trial. The Times states that Great Britain has declined to accede to this proposal.

CAIRO, November 2nd.

Three Boys have been arrested at Crete for having instigated the burning of Alexandria after the bombardment.

THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES, by Percy Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at £1, may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfume in the World, or JOHN GOSWELL & CO., London.—[ADVT.]

SHANGHAI.

The China Merchants' S. N. Co. has given the magnificent sum of \$200 to the Seamen's Hall in Hongkew.

The tide this afternoon (Nov. 24th) about 1 p.m. was one of the highest we ever saw. The bubbling Well Road near Loonggi was half covered with water; the tides apparently standing in the middle of a river.

According to our morning contemporary, this "fatuous old man's" (Tso Tsung-tang's) patriotic career in the West seems doomed sooner or later to be cut short amid the un-congenial surroundings of the Southern Capital." Very poetical indeed! The fatuous old man is still pursuing a patriotic career in the West, and it is doomed to be cut short in the South!

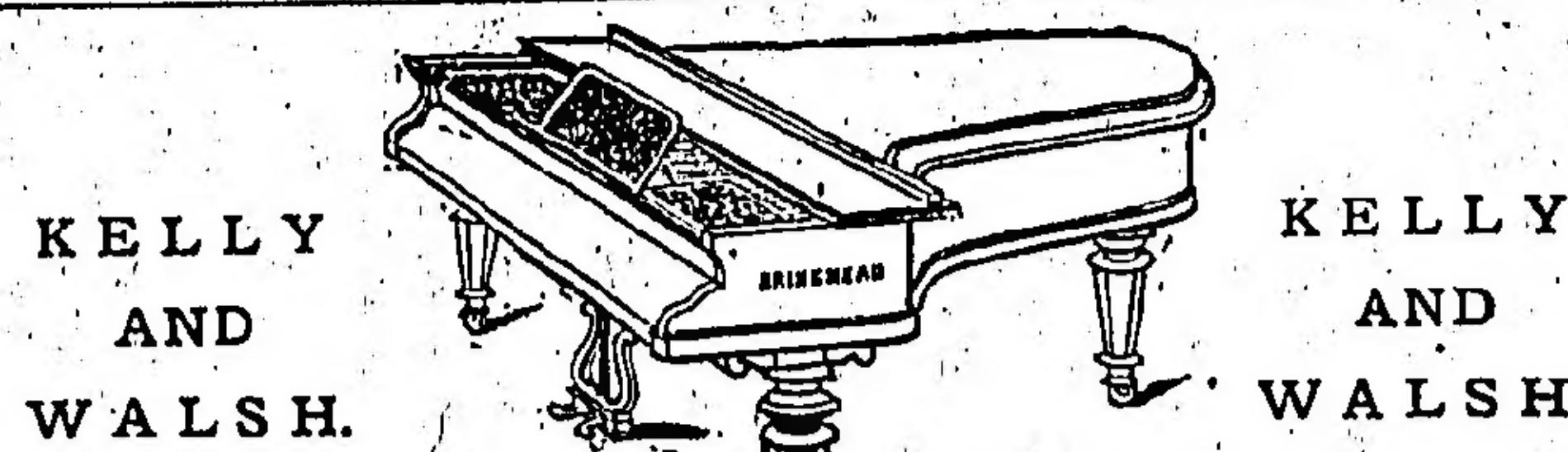
Our morning contemporary has been rubbing it in to the Hongkew Wharf Co. and the Shanghai Gas Co., and both companies' shares are in strong demand and the prices going up like rockets; he has been buttering up the Electric Co., but holders of those shares are eager to sell and the price has gone down like the stick. We may here remark that the report we mentioned that the Arsenal had taken the Electric Co.'s lights is not true. They had enough electric lights before.

It is rather late, certainly, to discuss the last race meeting. An occasional correspondent of a contemporary, however, thought of doing so a couple of days ago; no doubt to give himself an opportunity of stating the *ridicule* of First Cornell's version of the Criterion; we remarked that he made a waiting race; the exponent of his views says the pony went "unkindly" also to crack up Salamanasar. It is true that this pony ran well up for the Maidens'; in that race he beat Allegro, for whom he was mistaken when purchased; but Mr. Bill's Pizicato beat him in the St. Leger, and both Presto and Allegro beat him in Chau Shang Kiuk. Perhaps the "occasional" can give a reason why? By an extraordinary *lotus et calami* we got, in our report of the Maidens' Salamanasar as the last to enter the course led by a groom and limping; his off shoulder and leg painted green. That pony was Strathmore. Although it is a little late we make a few remarks upon "Our Racing Advisers."

We may take occasion to call the attention of our readers to the remarks of our correspondent about racing matters, "Notary Public;" in our issue of the 18th October, he sent us a letter about the St. Leger. He concluded by telling people to look out for St. Andrew and Henry, and prophesied that a pony out of one of these stables would be first, second or third. They ran respectively third and first. Our tipster "An Old Man at the Rails" gave Bondsman as his sole tip for the Maidens'.—Mercury.

—Shanghai Courier.

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